

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is truly dispicable and illegal.

When we let too few people have too much power it makes it impossible for our government "by the people" to even know what is going on before it is too late. The FCC and Mr. Powell support this breakdown of our system of governance and oversight in the first place by allowing the unchecked media consolidation we've seen over the past several years.

At the very least, Sinclair should be encouraging debate surrounding the upcoming election, by presenting the other side as well. I don't think they have any plans to have Michael Moore and Lila Lipscomb on talking about Fahrenheit 9/11.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves, that we all own, free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is truly sad that the airwaves, in this case, have been wholly bought by the Republican party for their use. A national Rebuplican agenda, instead of local community agendas will be forcibly broadcast. Sad. Our communities need more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard, and speaking for myself, the people are waking up and realizing this. We will make it happen, with or without you.

Thank you.

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